



#14
DM
05/09/01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the PATENT application of

Durward I. Faries, Jr. et al.

ISSUE BRANCH

Serial No.: 09/419,664

Batch No. B84

Filed: October 15, 1999

For: Temperature Control System and Method for Heating and
Maintaining Medical Items at Desired Temperatures

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

REMARKS

Applicants have become aware of the following patent documents.

U.S. Patent No. 4,084,080 - McMahan
U.S. Patent No. 4,331,859 - Thomas et al
U.S. Patent No. 5,733,263 - Wheatman
U.S. Patent No. 5,879,329 - Ginsburg
U.S. Patent No. 5,989,238 - Ginsburg
U.S. Patent No. 6,175,099 - Shei et al

German DE 37 42 927 (and English Translation)

German DE 197 52 578 (and English Translation)

These patent documents were submitted and/or cited during prosecution of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,863 having related subject matter or its corresponding foreign application. Applicants have reviewed the patent documents and find them to be cumulative in nature with respect to the previously submitted and cited documents and/or not material to